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Chairman Michael K. Powell  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

More than three years ago, Nextel Communications charted a course with the leaders of our nation's public safety organizations to bring an end to the problem of interference between the radio operations of wireless carriers and first responders in the 800 MHz frequency band. Today, Nextel stands shoulder to shoulder with public safety and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and accepts the responsibilities, obligations, license modifications, and conditions specified in the FCC's Report and Order in WT Docket 02-55, "*Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band*,"<sup>1</sup> as modified by the subsequent errata, public notice and orders that have been issued by the Commission.<sup>2</sup>

The FCC's decision to solve public safety radio interference in the 800 MHz spectrum band is the right thing to do for first responders and our nation's homeland security. Nextel has already begun moving forward in order to complete the reconfiguration process in accordance with FCC rules. We take the obligations and responsibilities that come along with this initiative seriously and will meet all expectations fully. Eliminating the dangerous problem of public safety interference is far too important to do anything less.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band; Consolidating the 800 and 900 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels*, Report and Order, Fifth Report and Order, Fourth Memorandum Opinion and Order, 19 FCC Rcd 14969 (2004) ("R&O")

<sup>2</sup> See *Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band; Consolidating the 800 and 900 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels*, WT Docket No. 02-55, Erratum (rel. Sep. 10, 2004); Second Erratum, 19 FCC Rcd 19651 (2004); Public Notice, "Commission Seeks Comment on Ex Parte Presentations and Extends Certain Deadlines Regarding the 800 MHz Public Safety Interference Proceeding," 19 FCC Rcd 21492 (2004); Third Erratum, 19 FCC Rcd 21818 (2004); Supplemental Order and Order on Reconsideration, WT Docket No. 02-55, FCC 04-294 (rel. Dec. 22, 2004) ("*Supplemental Order*"); Erratum, WT Docket No. 02-55 (rel. Jan. 19, 2005).

Nextel commends the Commission for establishing a reconfiguration plan that will help ensure effective public safety radio communications in the 800 MHz band. Nextel has welcomed the opportunity to work with the Commission, the public safety community, and other 800 MHz licensees in developing this plan, and looks forward to working with all parties involved in implementing the plan in an effective, expeditious manner.

Sincerely,

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President and Chief Executive Officer